

I am deeply concerned by the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to force stations to air Stolen Honor and pre-empt regular broadcasting. This seems to be a gross violation of the privilege embodied in using public airwaves, and a serious threat to democracy. In a democracy, all viewpoints should have equal access, and not be excluded by those with control over television broadcasting.

Will we be as bad as Saddam Hussein, moving to state or corporate run media, where only one version of the truth is permitted?

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.